

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

ALAN GOLDMAN,
Plaintiff,

v.

McCONNELL VALDES, LLC., ET AL.,
Defendants.

CIVIL No. 24-1136 (SCC-MDM)

MINUTE

On February 27, 2025, at 9:30AM, the Court held a Settlement/Scheduling Conference in the virtual chambers of U.S. Magistrate Judge Marshal D. Morgan. During the conference, the parties were represented by their respective counsel Francisco M. López Romo for plaintiff and Xaymara Colón-González, Manuel San Juan DeMartino, and Margaret Thomas Karchmer for defendants. Also present during the conference was the plaintiff, Mr. Alan Goldman, Mr. Goldman's Assistant, Mr. Michael Nelson, Managing Director of McConnell Valdés, LLC, Mr. Arturo García Solá, and the COO of McConnell Valdés, LLC, Mr. Paul Cortés Rexach.

The conference began with the parties bringing the Court up to speed on the status of discovery and whether any settlement discussions have taken place. The Court then heard from each party as to the strengths and weakness of each other's case. It then separated each party into a different breakout room on the Zoom videoconference platform and the Court shuttled between breakout rooms to discuss settlement. After spending approximately six hours talking with the parties, it was clear that no agreement would be reached today. Nevertheless, the Court considers progress to have been made. The conference was left with the parties agreeing to keep the channels of communication open for a possible future settlement. The Court indicated its willingness to convene a further settlement conference if the parties so request from the presiding judge.

Having not reached a settlement today, the Court moved on to the question of scheduling of discovery. To begin with, the Court inquired as to why this conference included scheduling if Judge Marcos López had already entered a scheduling conference on July 30, 2024, in Docket No. 26. Mr. López Romo explained that two insurance companies were recently added to the lawsuit as defendants and needed time to catch up on discovery. For that reason, the previous scheduling order had to be modified to reflect their recent entry into the case.

As for the discovery timetable, the Court discussed the schedule below with the parties and set the following discovery deadlines.

Discovery Milestone	Deadline
Initial disclosures under Rule 26	Completed
DISCOVERY & MOTIONS TO AMEND or DISMISS	
Submission of written discovery	
· Interrogatories.	March 28, 2025
· Requests for production of documents.	March 28, 2025
· Requests for admissions.	March 13, 2026

Discovery Milestone	Deadline
Answers to written discovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Interrogatories.· Requests for production of documents.· Requests for admissions.	April 30, 2025 April 30, 2025 March 13, 2026
Deadline to file motions to dismiss	If the Court grants leave, 30 days after such leave is granted
Deadline to amend the complaint & requesting leave to do so.	March 21, 2025
Deadline to file a third-party complaint	n/a
EXPERTS	
Deadline for plaintiff to announce expert witness(es)	March 14, 2025
Deadline for plaintiff to produce expert report(s)	April 18, 2025
Deadline for defendant to announce expert witness(es)	May 23, 2025
Deadline for defendant to produce expert report(s)	June 27, 2025
Deadline for plaintiff's third party to announce expert witness(es)	n/a
Deadline for plaintiff's third party to produce expert report(s)	n/a
Deadline for defendant's third party to announce expert witness(es)	n/a
Deadline for defendant's third party to produce expert report(s)	n/a
DEPOSITIONS and DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS	
Conclusion of depositions of fact witnesses	Nov. 28, 2025
Conclusion of depositions of expert witnesses	Feb. 13, 2026
Conclusion of all discovery	Feb. 27, 2026
Deadline to file motions for summary judgment	April 17, 2026
TRIAL RELATED DATES	
Proposed Pretrial Order	TBD
Pretrial Conference	TBD
Trial Date	TBD
Settlement Conference	Upon request by the parties

The parties are reminded that they should not modify these deadlines without prior leave of the Court.

Conference began at 9:46AM
Conference ended at 3:38PM

s/Marshall D. Morgan
MARSHAL D. MORGAN
United States Magistrate Judge